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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN REQUESTS INCREASED FERROUS SCRAP

ALLOCATIONS FROM U.S.

1. MASOOD ASGHAR, BOARD OF INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT, KARACHI, HAMID RIAZ, MANAGING DIRECTOR, PAKISTAN ENGINEERING CO., LAHORE, AND MOHAMMAD HOMAYOUN, PAK EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, CALLED AT DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 12 ASKING OUR ASSISTANCE IN INCREASING COMMERCE ALLOCATION OF FERROUS SCRAP TO PAKISTAN. THEY HAD JUST VISITED COMMERCE WHERE THEY WERE TOLD SCRAP IN EXTREMELY SHORT SUPPLY, THAT U.S. EXPORTING 2,100,000 SHORT TONS WORLDWIDE FIRST QUARTER CY 1974, AND THAT PAKISTAN'S ALLOCATION 7,000 TONS COULD NOT BE INCREASED. COMMERCE HAD BASED ALLOCATIONS FOR ALL COUNTRIES ON PURCHASES PAST THREE YEARS.

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2. PAKISTANI ARGUMENTS FOR INCREASE INCLUDE: ALLOCATION DOES NOT ALLOW FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH (PAKISTAN'S MELTING

CAPACITY HAS INCREASED FROM 300,000 TONS TO 500,000 TONS PER ANNUM IN PAST 15 MONTHS). COMMERCE SHOULD INCLUDE U.S. EXPORTS OF BILLETS AS WELL AS SCRAP IN DETERMINING PAKISTAN'S ALLOCATION; SINCE PAK STEEL INDUSTRY NOW MORE SOPHISTICATED, RATIO SCRAP TO BILLETS NOW HIGHER. LARGE QUANTITIES OF STEEL WILL BE NEEDED TO REBUILD BRIDGES,

HOUSING, UTILITIES RAVAGED BY FLOODS.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS, VIEWS AND ASSESSMENT PAKISTAN'S SCRAP NEEDS AND DEMANDS BUT WITHOUT RAISING PAK EXPECTATIONS FOR INCREASED ALLOTMENT. KISSINGER

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